

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ADRIAN CRUZ, an individual;
AMANDA SAINZ, an individual; A.C.,
a minor by and through his guardian ad
litem, KRYSTLE GARCIA;

Plaintiff,

v.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, a
Public Entity; DEPUTY E. SARIBAS,
an individual; DEPUTY UMANZOR,
an individual; DEPUTY DAVIS, an
individual; DEPUTY DAI, an
individual; DEPUTY R. GOFF, an
individual; DEPUTY J. MACIAS, an
individual; DEPUTY VARGAS, an
individual; DEPUTY FIERROS, an
individual; DOE DEPUTIES AND
SUPERVISORS 1 through 20,
inclusive;

Defendants.

Case No. 2:23-CV-02702 MCX (SKx)

(Assigned to Hon. Mark C. Scarsi)

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE
ORDER**

**TO THE COURT, ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF
RECORD:**

Plaintiffs, ADRIAN CRUZ an individual, AMANDA SAINZ, an individual,

1 and A.C., a minor by and through his guardian ad litem, KRYSTLE GARCIA and
2 Defendants, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES and DEPUTY E. SARIBAS, an
3 individual; DEPUTY UMANZOR, an individual; DEPUTY DAVIS, an individual;
4 DEPUTY DAI, an individual; DEPUTY R. GOFF, an individual; DEPUTY J.
5 MACIAS, an individual; DEPUTY VARGAS, an individual; DEPUTY FIERROS,
6 an individual; DOE DEPUTIES AND SUPERVISORS (hereinafter collectively
7 referred to as the “Parties”) agree that this action may involve the disclosure of
8 confidential, sensitive, or proprietary business information, or trade secrets
9 (collectively referred to as “Confidential Information”), and hereby stipulate, subject
10 to approval of the Court, to the following as a Protective Order which shall govern
11 the production or disclosure of Confidential Information to ensure the continued
12 confidentiality of such.

13 1. A. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS
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15 Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential,
16 proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public
17 disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may
18 be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the Court to
19 enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this
20 Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to
21 discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends
22 only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment
23 under the applicable legal principles. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth
24 in Section 12.3 (Filing Protected Material), below, that this Stipulated Protective
25 Order does not entitle them to a file confidential information under seal; Civil Local
26 Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the standards that will
27 be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.
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1 B. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT

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3 This litigation relates to the November 9, 2022 incident involving an alleged
4 use of force against Plaintiff, ADRIAN CRUZ. Plaintiffs allege that during a high
5 speed pursuit of an unknown suspect, DOE DEPUTIES used their firearms by firing
6 rounds at the suspect and at Plaintiffs' vehicle. Plaintiffs further allege that while
7 exiting the vehicle, DOE DEPUTIES tackled ADRIAN CRUZ and punched him.
8 ADRIAN CRUZ was subsequently detained. This incident occurred in the presence
9 of Plaintiff, AMANDA SAINZ and Cruz's son. Defendants deny the excessive force
10 allegation and related causes of actions. The relevant evidence in this case includes,
11 but is not limited to, body-worn camera footage, police reports, witness statements,
12 and information about individuals who are not parties to this litigation. The Parties
13 submit that good cause exists to enter the proposed protective order to balance
14 Defendants' concerns that the documents consist of police reports and private
15 information concerning the parties to this litigation, which is protected by the official
16 information privilege, law enforcement privilege and the right to privacy, as protected
17 by the California and United States Constitutions, with Plaintiffs' right to discovery
18 in this litigation.

19 Accordingly, to expedite the flow of information, to facilitate the prompt
20 resolution of disputes over confidentiality of discovery materials, to adequately
21 protect information the parties are entitled to keep confidential, to ensure that the
22 parties are permitted reasonable necessary uses of such material in preparation for and
23 in the conduct of trial, to address their handling at the end of the litigation, and serve
24 the ends of justice, a protective order for such information is justified in this matter.
25 It is the intent of the Parties that information will not be designated as confidential for
26 tactical reasons and that nothing be so designated without a good faith belief that it
27 has been maintained in a confidential, non-public manner, and there is good cause
28 why it should not be part of the public record of this case.

1 2. DEFINITIONS

2 2.1 Action: This pending federal lawsuit entitled Cruz et al, v. County of Los
3 Angeles et al.; Case No.: Case No. 2:23-CV-02702 MCX (SKx)

4 2.2 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the
5 designation of information or items under this Order.

6 2.3 “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: information (regardless of
7 how it is generated, stored, or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for
8 protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as specified above in
9 the Good Cause Statement.

10 2.4 Counsel: Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as
11 their support staff).

12 2.5 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information
13 or items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as
14 “CONFIDENTIAL.”

15 2.6 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless
16 of the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including,
17 among other things, testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced
18 or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.

19 2.7 Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter
20 pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as
21 an expert witness or as a consultant in this Action.

22 2.8 House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this Action.
23 House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside
24 counsel.

25 2.9 Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association,
26 or other legal entity not named as a Party to this action.

27 2.10 Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of a
28 party to this Action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this Action and

1 have appeared in this Action on behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law firm
2 which has appeared on behalf of that party, including support staff.

3 2.11 Party: any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors,
4 employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their
5 support staffs).

6 2.12 Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or
7 Discovery Material in this Action.

8 2.13 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation
9 support services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or
10 demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium)
11 and their employees and subcontractors.

12 2.14 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is
13 designated as "CONFIDENTIAL."

14 2.15 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery
15 Material from a Producing Party.

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17 3. SCOPE

18 The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only
19 Protected Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or
20 extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or
21 compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or
22 presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material. This
23 shall also include designated deposition testimony, all designated testimony taken
24 at a hearing or other proceeding, interrogatory answers, documents or other
25 discovery materials, whether produced informally, in response to interrogatories,
26 requests for admissions, requests for production, or any other formal method of
27 discovery.

28 Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by the orders of the

1 trial judge. This Order does not govern the use of Protected Material at trial.

2 4. DURATION

3 Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations
4 imposed by this Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees
5 otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise directs. Final disposition shall be
6 deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and defenses in this Action, with
7 or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the completion and
8 exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this Action,
9 including the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time
10 pursuant to applicable law.

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12 5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

13 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection.

14 Each Party or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under
15 this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that
16 qualifies under the appropriate standards. The Designating Party must designate for
17 protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written
18 communications that qualify so that other portions of the material, documents,
19 items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept
20 unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

21 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations
22 that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper
23 purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber the case development process or to impose
24 unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Designating
25 Party to sanctions.

26 If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it
27 designated for protection do not qualify for protection, that Designating Party must
28 promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing the inapplicable designation.

1 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in
2 this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of Section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise
3 stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection
4 under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or
5 produced.

6 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

7 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic
8 documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial
9 proceedings), that the Producing Party affix at a minimum, the legend
10 “CONFIDENTIAL” (hereinafter “CONFIDENTIAL legend”), to each page that
11 contains protected material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page
12 qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected
13 portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

14 A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents available for
15 inspection need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has
16 indicated which documents it would like copied and produced. During the
17 inspection and before the designation, all of the material made available for
18 inspection shall be deemed “CONFIDENTIAL.” After the inspecting Party has
19 identified the documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must
20 determine which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this
21 Order. Then, before producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must
22 affix the “CONFIDENTIAL legend” to each page that contains Protected Material.
23 If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the
24 Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making
25 appropriate markings in the margins).

26 (b) for testimony given in depositions that the Designating Party identify
27 the Disclosure or Discovery Material on the record, before the close of the
28 deposition all protected testimony.

(c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the container or containers in which the information is stored the legend “CONFIDENTIAL.” If only a portion or portions of the information warrants protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).

5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party’s right to secure protection under this Order for such material. Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court’s Scheduling Order.

6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party Shall initiate the dispute resolution process under Civil Local Rule 37-1 et seq.

6.3 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties), may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the Designating Party has waived or withdrawn the confidentiality designation, all parties shall continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party’s designation until the Court rules on the challenge.

1 7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

2 7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that
3 is disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with
4 this Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this Action.
5 Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and
6 under the conditions described in this Order. When the Action has been
7 terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of Section 13 below
8 (FINAL DISPOSITION).

9 Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at
10 a location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the
11 persons authorized under this Order.

12 7.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless
13 otherwise ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a
14 Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated
15 “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

16 (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this Action, as
17 well as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably
18 necessary to disclose the information for this Action;

19 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of
20 the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action;

21 (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom
22 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the
23 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

24 (d) the Court and its personnel;

25 (e) court reporters and their staff;

26 (f) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and Professional
27 Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have
28 signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

1 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a
2 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information;

3 (h) during their depositions, witnesses, and attorneys for witnesses, in
4 the Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (1) the deposing
5 party requests that the witness sign the form attached as Exhibit A hereto; and (2)
6 they will not be permitted to keep any confidential information unless they sign the
7 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A), unless otherwise
8 agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the Court. Pages of transcribed
9 deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material may
10 be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except
11 as permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order; and

12 (i) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting personnel,
13 mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement discussions.

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15 8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED
16 IN OTHER LITIGATION

17 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation
18 that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this Action as
19 “CONFIDENTIAL,” that Party must:

20 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification
21 shall include a copy of the subpoena or court order;

22 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order
23 to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the
24 subpoena or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such notification shall include
25 a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order; and

26 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be
27 pursued by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

28 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with

1 the subpoena or court order shall not produce any information designated in this
2 action as “CONFIDENTIAL” before a determination by the court from which the
3 subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party’s
4 permission. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking
5 protection in that court of its confidential material, and nothing in these provisions
6 should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this Action
7 to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

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9 9. A NON-PARTY’S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE
10 PRODUCED IN THIS LITIGATION

11 (a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a
12 Non-Party in this Action and designated as “CONFIDENTIAL.” Such information
13 produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the
14 remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be
15 construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

16 (b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to
17 produce a Non-Party’s confidential information in its possession, and the Party is
18 subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party’s
19 confidential information, then the Party shall:

20 (1) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party
21 that some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement
22 with a Non-Party;

23 (2) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Stipulated
24 Protective Order in this Action, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably
25 specific description of the information requested; and

26 (3) make the information requested available for inspection by the Non-
27 Party, if requested.

28 (c) If the Non-Party fails to seek a protective order from this Court within

1 14 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party
2 may produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the discovery
3 request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall
4 not produce any information in its possession or control that is subject to the
5 confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the Court.
6 Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and
7 expense of seeking protection in this Court of its Protected Material.

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9 10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

10 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed
11 Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this
12 Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in
13 writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts
14 to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person
15 or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this
16 Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and
17 Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

18 11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE
19 PROTECTED MATERIAL

20 When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain
21 inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection,
22 the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil
23 Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to modify whatever
24 procedure may be established in an e-discovery order that provides for production
25 without prior privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d) and
26 (e), insofar as the parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure of a
27 communication or information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work
28 product protection, the parties may incorporate their agreement in the stipulated

1 protective order submitted to the Court.

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3 12. MISCELLANEOUS

4 12.1 Right to Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person
5 to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

6 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this
7 Protective Order, no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to
8 disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in this
9 Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on any
10 ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective Order.

11 12.3 Filing Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any
12 Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material
13 may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the
14 specific Protected Material at issue. If a Party's request to file Protected Material
15 under seal is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the information
16 in the public record unless otherwise instructed by the court.

17 13. FINAL DISPOSITION

18 After the final disposition of this Action, as defined in Section 4
19 (DURATION), within 60 days of a written request by the Designating Party, each
20 Receiving Party must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy
21 such material. As used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all
22 copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries, and any other format reproducing or
23 capturing any of the Protected Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned
24 or destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a written certification to the
25 Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the Designating Party) by
26 the 60 day deadline that (1) identifies (by category, where appropriate) all the
27 Protected Material that was returned or destroyed; and (2) affirms that the Receiving
28 Party has not retained any copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries, or any other

format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in Section 4 (DURATION).

14. Any violation of this Order may be punished by any and all appropriate measures including, without limitation, contempt proceedings and/or monetary sanctions.

IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

DATED: June 22, 2023

KIRAKOSIAN LAW, APC

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 ADRIAN CRUZ, AMANDA SAINZ, and
 A.C., a minor by and through his guardian
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DATED: June 22, 2023

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By: /s/ Kari C. Kadomatsu
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IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: June 26, 2023


 HONORABLE STEVE KIM

EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, _____ [print or type full name], of
 _____ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury
 that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that
 was issued by the United States District Court for the Central District of California
 on [date] in the case of Cruz et. al v. County of Los Angeles, case number 2:23-CV-
 02702 MCX (SKx). I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this
 Stipulated Protective Order, and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so
 comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I
 solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that
 is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict
 compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court
 for the Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this
 Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after
 termination of this action. I hereby appoint _____ [print
 or type full name] of _____ [print or type
 full address and telephone number] as my California agent for service of process in
 connection with this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of this
 Stipulated Protective Order.

Date: _____

City and State where sworn and signed: _____

Printed name: _____

Signature: _____